



MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DONALD ATKINSON

Greetings and thank you to all of the residents of Whitehouse who make our Village such a wonderful place to live, work, and raise families. One of our primary focuses for the administration and staff is to deliver the basic and vital services such as police, fire, streets, water, sewer, and garbage pickup in an efficient and exemplary manner. You may have noticed the change of format of our quarterly newsletter. The goal of this change was to make our newsletter more inclusive and informative by providing space to a variety of organizations who contribute to the quality of life we enjoy. Space was provided for Anthony Wayne Local Schools, the American Legion, local churches, the Whitehouse Village Council and many others. We hope you enjoy these changes, and we invite individuals and organizations who have ideas for future newsletters to contact us.

Many exciting new projects are ready for delivery and others are currently in the planning stages. Our police and fire departments are launching a senior's protection plan that will allow us to check on the welfare of our senior citizens who have contributed and continue to contribute so much to our community. We are committed to implementing and expanding this important program to support the needs of our seniors and their fami-



lies. Please check our website for further information.

Our nation and our Village have a proud history of supporting our military veterans and their families. Our new Village website provides a link to the United States Department of Defense Hero 2 Hired/(H2H) website. This is a veterans and spouses only website that connects employers with veterans seeking employment.

We are working with the Anthony Wayne Regional Chamber of Commerce to support our local businesses and attract quality commercial development to strengthen our tax base. We realize our current and future businesses are vital for the continued prosperity of our community. We ask that you please patronize our local businesses.

We have met with local industry leaders to obtain their input and ideas on how we can best serve them. Both BASF and Kennametal, Inc., have expanded their operations and entry level positions, offering good wages and benefits. We have provided both enterprises with information about the *Hero 2 Hired* initiative and each have expressed a commitment to hiring veterans. We are fortunate to have these exceptional companies in our Village. As we progress towards city status we are actively identifying and preparing for the changes and challenges this will present. We have sent and will continue to send our employees to high quality, cost effective training to insure they obtain the professional skills necessary to successfully transition to city status. I am confident that our staff will be well prepared when this comes to fruition. I would like to thank all Village employees for their professionalism and for the services they provide on a daily basis for every member of our community. It is through their efforts that the Village of Whitehouse is a great place to live, work and play.

As a representative of our Village government, I am serving on the newly-



QUICK NOTES

Watch for a New Website!

We're in the process of updating and improving our website. The new site will be easier to navigate, easier to read and more colorful! Same address with new and improved information!

formed Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments Regional Water Planning Commission. When all of the area water studies are completed in September 2016, the commission will reconvene to study the possibility of creating a Regional Water System.

We are currently projecting a substantial carryover balance in our budget for calendar year 2016. Our Village Administrator routinely provides Council Members and me with detailed financial statements for our review. We are committed to providing professional and courteous service to all our Village residents and visitors.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us via phone, email, or visit us at the Village Hall, and we will make every effort to assist you.



ANOTHER YEAR IS IN THE BOOKS—AW SCHOOL NEWS

The AWLS administration and staff are very proud of all that was accomplished by the students and excited for what lies ahead. The class of 2016, as well as many students within the District, achieved in the areas of academics, leadership, civics, and character.

On May 28, AW seniors graduated at the BGSU Stroh Center. Of those students, approximately 90% plan to attend college, 4.5% will be joining the military, while 4% are joining the work force. At this time, the others are undecided. These seniors were awarded over \$6 million in scholarships. Many other students were recognized for their academic performance as well. There were 54 juniors inducted into the AWHN National Honor Society. Thank you to the Anthony Wayne community for partnering with the schools to provide the students with an excellent education. This partnership

allows the students many wonderful opportunities to be successful.

Many students in the District have demonstrated great leadership skills throughout the year. Through academics, athletics, the arts, and personal interests, students have numerous opportunities to become leaders and received special local and state recognition.

The District emphasizes the importance of showing strong character and being good citizens. Students participated in several service projects to better the lives of others and the community. The schools will continue to develop partnerships in the future to involve the schools in the community and the community in the schools.

Submitted by Jim Fritz, Superintendent

AUGUST IS TREE CHECK MONTH FOR ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE

Whitehouse residents are invited to a FREE enrichment class on checking area trees for signs of infestation by the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB). The class will meet at the Mallard Lake Picnic Shelter in Oak Openings Metropark on August 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

This pest arrives in North America concealed within the wood of foreign shipping pallets. While Asian trees have defenses against ALB destruction, native trees do not. Entire trees and all of their wood are destroyed once ALB infests them.

Amy Stone, OSU Extension Educator, will lead the presentation and walk to show participants how to spot this beetle and many pests of our local woods. A quick check in your yard could be crucial to arresting an infestation. The most important role citizens can play in arresting beetle infestations is to know how to recognize its signs and where to report it.



COUNCIL CORNER One of the most important opportunities members of Whitehouse Village Council have at public meetings is to hear from members of the public.

Often people with specific requests are placed on the meeting agenda and appear before Council to describe their plans and answer questions we may have. Some requests require passage of a motion by Council if they involve public resources such as street closures, park usage, and police or fire department participation. So far this year, Village Council has happily approved several requests for 5K races and other bicycling and running events within the Village.



Village Council meetings also provide time for any citizen to comment on the agenda items or to bring other matters to Council Members' attention. Often, residents provide historical or other institutional knowledge of the community that helps us make decisions. Scheduled appearances before Village Council are most welcome and can be arranged by contacting Village Administration at 419-877-5383. All members of the public are encouraged to attend Council meetings, which are held at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at Village Hall. See you then!

Respectfully submitted by Council Member Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer

FINANCE UPDATE

The Village works hard and conscientiously to ensure your taxes are spent responsibly. Through April 30, the Village projects that General Fund expenditures will be 20% under budget at the end of the year. Also, the Village remains strongly solvent as our cash reserves balance is healthy. We will provide another finance update in the next newsletter.



WHITEHOUSE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



Whitehouse Post 384, American Legion Department of Ohio, first saw its “light of day” on March 20, 1920. The Post was named Christman Post 384. The name was in honor of Mr. Emory Christman, a casualty of the First World War. In September of 1920, the Post name was changed to Christman – Dickinson Post 384. Dickinson of Whitehouse was the second casualty from the First Great War. In 1947 the Post name was changed to that of the community, Whitehouse Post 384. Currently members reside in many communities across our great country.

The following 2016 Officers were installed for Post 384 on May 9th: Wayne King - Commander, Jerry Mangold - 1st Vice, Tom Quinn - 2nd Vice, Jim Bell - Finance Officer, Fred Lintner - Adjutant, Glenn Shields - Chaplain, Mark Simon - Sgt. At Arms, and Craig Kemmer - Service Officer and Historian.

Post 384 provides many activities during the year for members and non-members. Please let the Post know if you would like to receive event notifications via e-mail by contacting us at ckemmer@windstream.net. Let us know if you are a member (Legion, SAL, or Aux) or a non-member (friend). Events may also be found on Facebook at “Whitehouse American Legion Post 384.”

Respectfully submitted by Craig Kemmer, Whitehouse American Legion Post 384

CEDAR CREEK CHURCH

This year has been exciting at Cedar Creek Church, Whitehouse campus. About a year ago, Lee Powell, our Founding Pastor and Senior Leader made the decision to name Ben Snyder his successor. Ben was officially voted on by the members and welcomed into the lead position at Cedar Creek Church last October. Since then, the church has continued to grow and blossom under new leadership. This spring we held a food and clothing drive to benefit half a dozen community meals happening all throughout NW Ohio. The Whitehouse campus collected thousands of pounds of food and clothing, allowing the church to provide over 3,000 community hot meals every month for the next six months. Incredible!

We do have several exciting events planned for this summer. On Sunday June 26th, we are planning an end of the ministry year celebration including baptisms, extended worship and also a pig roast! It will be a lot of fun! All welcome, doors open at 6 pm.

On August 11th-12th, we will host the Willow Creek Global Leadership Summit. It is a two-day leadership conference with speakers such as Bill Hybels, TD Jakes, and Patrick Lencioni. For more information, go to: CedarCreek.tv/Summit. As always, we are a church open to anyone and everyone. Every family looks different and every family matters! Join us for services Saturdays 5:15 pm, 7:00 pm, Sundays 9:00 am, 10:45 am, and 12:30 pm.

Luke Shortridge, Whitehouse Campus Pastor

Note: Each quarterly newsletter will feature a different Whitehouse church

PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department is busy again this summer with routine maintenance and special projects. Yearly maintenance such as road crack sealing and street striping will start soon, and we ask that motorists please be on the alert for activities in the roadway as summer approaches.

Special projects in 2016 include the resurfacing of Christopher, Kathy, Matthew, Sandra and Grover Drives in the Lehman Addition. Also in the planning is the construction of a multi-purpose trail along Waterville Street from Indianapolis to Whitehouse Square Boulevard. This will allow access to pedestrians and bicyclists who travel to shopping and eateries in the Whitehouse Square development. At the large quarry in the Blue Creek Recreation Area you will see the addition of an improved trail surface leading from the existing paved trail continuing around the quarry. This will be an improved stone trail with a wooden boardwalk along the south side of the quarry.

Thank you to our residents for cooperating with us when we are working in your neighborhood and for reporting problems early. We are here to serve you and truly enjoy working with and for you.

WHITEHOUSE LIBRARY NEWS

The theme for the 2016 Summer Reading Program is sports and fun outdoor activities! Visit the library after June 1 to register and pick up an information packet. Our official kickoff party for summer reading will be held from 11 am to noon, Saturday, June 4. Register, have a snack, and check out some books! Program participants will be invited to a Crazy Olympics event on June 23, with hilarious competitions and a boomerang demonstration.



We have added an adult category this year too! “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!” is for children preschool through 9 years; “Get in the Game, Read!” for youth and teens; and “Exercise Your Mind, Read!” for adults. Regular children’s programs will be held on the first Saturdays in July and August. Visit www.whitehouseohiolibrary.org for details.

Summer participants receive one-year free membership to the Library. Special thanks to Whitehouse American Legion Auxiliary Unit 384 and Whitehouse Fire Company Association for their support of our Summer Reading Program.

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IMPORTANT DATES



- Council Meetings - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
- Planning Commission - 1st Mon, 7:00 pm
- Board of Zoning Appeals - 1st Wed, 7:30 pm
- Design Review Board - 1st Thurs, 6:30 pm
- Arts Advisory Board - 2nd Wed, 6:00 pm
- Tree Commission - 4th Thurs, 7:00 pm
- Refuse collection - Mondays
- July 4 - Offices closed, refuse collection delayed one day
- Founders Day - July 5. Music, fireworks, bounce house, food
- Farmers' Market - Saturday mornings July 9 - September 24
- Donut Eating Contest - July 30 - 11 am
- Buskerfest - August 14
- Dancin' in the Park - August 27
- Coffee with a Cop - August 30
- September 5—Labor Day, offices closed, refuse collection delayed one day
- Fall Fest - October 15
- Trick-or-Treat - October 31

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DID YOU KNOW???

Smoke Detectors – In 2009-2013, smoke alarms sounded in more than half (53%) of the home fires reported to U.S. fire departments (NFPA). Having a working smoke detector in your house cuts chances of dying in a fire in half. Don't have one or can't afford one? Call 419-877-0363!

Open Burning – Whitehouse has restrictions on what is allowed to be burned within our limits. While some open burning is allowed, if a nuisance call is received we may ask you to extinguish your fire. Please call before you light with any questions or concerns.

Fireworks – In 2013 sparklers were responsible for 41% of fireworks injuries (NFPA). Sparklers can burn close to 1200 degrees which is hot enough for 3rd degree burns. While the safest way to view fireworks is at a professional show, please supervise children and follow all local, state, and federal laws if you choose to purchase consumer fireworks.

Car Seats – A car seat that is correctly installed can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71% (Safe Kids). Your Whitehouse Fire Department has 3 highly trained and certified car seat technicians. Call 419-877-0363 to set up an appointment today!



**OFFICER RON FREIER RETIRES
AFTER 32+ YEARS OF SERVICE**

SENIOR CONTACT PROGRAM The Whitehouse safety services (Police and Fire Departments) are working together to establish a community senior contact program to benefit the elderly of our community. In this program, seniors who qualify will be contacted by a member of the Police or Fire Department by phone on a regular basis (Monday – Friday). Both departments are in the process of finalizing the logistics of the program, which has a target date of late summer/early fall 2016. More information will be coming soon.